

# NASCRE-5 Oral Presentation Program

Sunday, February 16: Workshops (11:30-16:30) &  
**Welcome Reception (18:00-19:30) Monarch Room (Level 24)**

Day 1: Monday, February 17				
Galleria I & II				
8:00-8:15 AM	Opening Remarks (Praveen Bollini)			
8:15-9:15 AM	Plenary: Developing Strategies for Polymer Redesign and Recycling Using Reaction Pathway Analysis <b>Linda Broadbelt</b> (Northwestern University)			
9:15-9:30 AM	Refreshment Break			
9:30-10:30 AM	Plenary: Amundson Award Presentation (ExxonMobil) and Lecture A Personal Journey to Reaction Engineering: From Multiscale Modeling to Sustainable Processes <b>Dion Vlachos</b> (University of Delaware)			
10:30-10:45 AM	Break			
	Galleria I & II	Galleria III	Tanglewood/Bellaire	Post Oak
	<b>Polymer Upcycling</b> Chairs: Alan Stottlemeyer (Dow), Michele Sarazen (Princeton)	<b>Fundamentals of CRE</b> Chairs: Hilal Ezgi Toraman (Penn State), Gregory Patience (Polytechnique Montreal)	<b>Reaction Engineering for the Energy Transition: 1</b> Chairs: Pavel Kots (NYU), Daniel Trahan (Dow)	<b>Novel Reactors and Process Intensification: 1</b> Chairs: Chris Paolucci (UVa), Dongxia Liu (U. Delaware)
10:45-11:05 AM	Revealing the Role of Mass Transfer–Chemical Kinetics Coupling in Neat and Catalytic High-Density Polyethylene Pyrolysis; <b>M. Doga Tekbas</b> (U Mass. Lowell)	Keynote: Harnessing Coupled Reaction-Transport Phenomena to Develop Stable and Selective Catalysts for Olefin Oligomerization to Transportation Fuels; <b>Rajamani Gounder</b> (Purdue University)	Modeling of a Heat-Integrated Biomass Downdraft Gasifier with Construction and Demolition Waste as Feedstock; <b>Kim McAuley</b> (Queens University)	Microfluidic Laser-Induced Nucleation of Iron (II, III) Oxide Nanoparticle-Doped Supersaturated Aqueous KCl solutions; <b>Kelechi Ndukwe-Ajala</b> (NYU)
11:05-11:25 AM	Understanding Reaction Environments in Mechanocatalytic Processes; <b>Carsten Sievers</b> (Georgia Tech)	Length Effects of PRCFD-Derived Fixed Bed Radial Heat Transfer; <b>Anthony Dixon</b> (WPI)	Radio Frequency Heating of Catalytic Propane Dehydrogenation: Finite Element Approach, Techno-Economic, and Environmental Assessment. <b>Ankush Rout</b> (Texas A&M University)	Novel modular, layered reactor for continuous, scalable, efficient hydrogenation; <b>Lorenzo Milani</b> (Zaiput Flow Technologies)
11:25-11:45 AM	H <sub>2</sub> -Free Conversion of Condensation Polymers with Organic H <sub>2</sub> Carriers - Kinetic Coupling of Hydrogenolysis and Dehydrogenation Pathways; <b>Manish Shetty</b> (Texas A&M University)	Mechanistic and Kinetic Role of Pd in the Co-Production of Ethylene and Acetic Acid from Ethane over Pd-MoV Oxides; <b>Joseph Lane</b> (University of Houston)	Mechanistic Insights into Sustainable Chemical Processes: Oxygen Electrocatalysis and Fischer-Tropsch Synthesis; <b>Kasun Gunasooriya</b> (University of Oklahoma)	Mechanistic Aspects of Selective Hydrogen Combustion (SHC) over Na <sub>2</sub> WO <sub>4</sub> /SiO <sub>2</sub> Catalysts; <b>Elijah Kipp</b> (University of Minnesota)
11:45-1:15 PM	Lunch on own			
Galleria I & II				
1:15-2:15 PM	Panel Discussion: 'Academia-Government-Industry: Advancing Reaction Engineering at the Interfaces Facilitator: <b>Nick Thornburg</b> (NREL) Panelists: <b>Jean Tom</b> (Princeton University), <b>Fabio Ribeiro</b> (Purdue University), <b>Simon Bare</b> (SLAC), <b>Triantafillos J. Mountziaris</b> (University of Houston)			
2:15-2:30 PM	Break			
	<b>Pioneers in CRE: 1</b> Chairs: Ryan Hartman (NYU), Moiz Diwan (AbbVie)	<b>Fundamentals of CRE</b> Chairs: Nitish Mittal (ExxonMobil), Udit Gupta (Siemens)	<b>Reaction Engineering for the Energy Transition: 2</b> Chairs: Hsu Chiang (Oxy), Joseph Dewilde (Dow)	<b>Novel Reactors and Process Intensification: 2</b> Chairs: Rajamani Gounder (Purdue), Eric Sacia (AbbVie)
2:30-2:50 PM	Elucidating complex interactions in non-thermal plasma-assisted reactions on (supported) porous catalysts <b>Michele Sarazen</b> (Princeton)	Quantifying Reaction-Diffusion Rates of Nonoxidative Coupling of Methane per Active Edge Sites of Two-Dimensional Pt Nanolayer Catalysts; <b>Tobias Misicko</b> (Louisiana Tech)	Decarbonization of Hydrogen Supply Chain via Electrification: Methane Reforming and Ammonia Decomposition <b>Ram Ratnakar</b> (Shell)	Forced Dynamic Operation of Propylene Selective Oxidation on Bismuth-Molybdate Structured Catalysts: Experiments and Modeling; <b>Mohammad Moniruzzaman</b> (University of Houston)
2:50-3:10 PM	Fast-Cat: A Self-Driving Catalysis Lab for Autonomous Reaction Pareto Front Mapping <b>Milad Abolhasani</b> (North Carolina State University)	A new method for the simulation of catalyst deactivation in fluidized bed reactors; <b>Andrea Pappagallo</b> (Paul Scherrer Institut)	Catalytic and Inhibitory Effects Induced by Noncovalent Interactions between Cellulose and Lignin During Fast Pyrolysis; <b>His-Wu Wong</b> (U Mass Lowell)	Selective Chemical Looping Combustion of Acetylene in Ethylene-Rich Streams; <b>Matthew Jacob</b> (University of Minnesota)
3:10-3:30 PM	Effect of Blending Hydrogen with Natural Gas on Selective Catalytic Reduction of NO <sub>x</sub> for Stationary Power Applications <b>Bihter Padak</b> (UC Irvine)	Redefining Bi-reforming of Methane at a Molecular Level Through Specific Metal-Support Interactions; <b>Meghana Sucharita Idamakanti</b> (University of Houston)	Highly Efficient and Stable Iron Molybdate Electrocatalyst towards Oxygen Evolution Reaction under Alkaline Conditions; <b>FNU Vidhi</b> (University of Houston)	CO <sub>2</sub> absorption kinetics measurements: conversion of a stirred tank to a Lewis cell; <b>Jonathan Sheavly</b> (Dow)

Refreshment Break				
3:30-3:50 PM	<b>Pioneers in CRE: 2</b> Chairs: Ryan Hartman (NYU), Moiz Diwan (AbbVie)	<b>Fundamentals of CRE</b> Nitish Mittal (ExxonMobil), Udit Gupta (Siemens)	<b>Reaction Engineering for the Energy Transition: 3</b> Chairs: Hsu Chiang (Oxy), Joseph Dewilde (Dow)	<b>Novel Reactors and Process Intensification: 3</b> Chairs: Fateme Rezaei (U. Miami), Onkar Manjrekar (AbbVie)
3:50-4:10 PM	Electrocatalytic Synthesis and Utilization of Nitrates for Resilient Nitrogen Circular Economy <b>Meenesh Singh</b> (University of Illinois Chicago)	From Pulses to Pellets to Packed Beds: Understanding CrOx/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Catalyst Deactivation during Propane Dehydrogenation via Transient Kinetic Analysis and Multiscale Modeling; <b>Nicholas Thornburg</b> (NREL)	Experimental Analysis of a Sabatier reactor for Renewable Natural Gas Generation from Biogas: Ignition, Parameter Sensitivity Analysis, and Stability; <b>David Simakov</b> (Univ. Waterloo)	<b>Applications of Countercurrent Multiphase Reactors for Maximizing Performance</b> <b>James R. Lattner</b> (Exxon, retired)
4:10-4:30 PM	Catalytic consequences of plastic additives on bifunctional reactions of alkanes <b>Gina Noh</b> (Penn State)	Polymer Distribution Models for Polyether Polyols; <b>Arjun Raghuraman</b> (Dow)	Electrification of Steam Methane Reforming by Joule Heating of Nickel-Coated High-Resistance Wires; <b>Elmer Ledesma</b> (University of Houston)	Overcoming the Selectivity-Conversion Tradeoff during Forced Dynamic Operation of Ethane Oxidative Dehydrogenation; <b>Austin Morales</b> (University of Houston)
4:30-4:50 PM	Tackling Climate Change with Chemical Reaction Engineering: Sustainable Aviation Fuel Production Challenges and Solutions <b>Kathryn Bjorkman</b> (LanzaJet)	From Apparent Kinetics to Microkinetics: Leveraging Power duLaw Models for Reaction Mechanism Identification; <b>Fernando Vega-Ramon</b> (Univ. of Manchester)	Bench-Scale Multi-Tubular Membrane Contactor Reactor for Fuel Production; <b>Mohammad Bazmi</b> (USC)	In-situ characterization of Ni-BaH <sub>2</sub> catalyst for low temperature ammonia production through chemical looping; <b>Antoine Dechany</b> (UC Louvain)

## Dinner on own

Day 2: Tuesday, February 18				
Galleria I & II				
8:00-8:15 AM	Opening Remarks (Moiz Diwan)			
8:15-9:15 AM	Plenary: Current Trends and Opportunities for Reaction Engineering to Impact the Pharmaceutical R&D Pipeline <b>Shailendra Bordawekar</b> (AbbVie)			
Refreshment Break				
9:15-9:30 AM	Plenary: Aris Award Presentation (ISCRE) and Lecture The Many Lives of Active Oxygens in the Energy Transition <b>Praveen Bollini</b> (University of Houston)			
9:30-10:30 AM	Break			
10:30-10:45 AM	Break			
	Galleria I & II	Galleria III	Tanglewood/Bellaire	Post Oak
	<b>Computational Chemistry and Catalysis, Data Science, ML: 1</b> Milad Abolhasani (NCSU), Gaurav Giri (UVA)	<b>Automation/Digitization in Reaction Engineering: 1</b> Chairs: Jake Gold (Dow), Meenesh Singh (UIC)	<b>Reaction Engineering for the Energy Transition: 4</b> Chairs: Hsi-Wu Wong (UMass Lowell), Kim McAuley (Queens University)	<b>Novel Reactors and Process Intensification: 4</b> Chairs: Fateme Rezaei (U. Miami), Onkar Manjrekar (AbbVie)
10:45-11:05 AM	Using Molecular Modeling and Machine Learning to Address Stability Challenges for Zeolite Catalysts <b>Chris Paolucci</b> (University of Virginia)	Hybrid Modeling for the Dynamic Simulation of Water Gas Shift and Methanol Synthesis Reactions Network; <b>Fernando Vega-Ramon</b> (University of Manchester)	Thermodynamic Analysis Based Programmed Heating Strategies to Limit Carbon Depositions in Electrified Modular Methane Reformer Reactors; <b>Collins Don-Pedro</b> (University of Houston)	Ignition-Extinction Analysis of Oxidative Dehydrogenation of Ethane over M1 Catalyst in a Monolith Reactor; <b>Dhagash M. Pandit</b> (University of Houston)
11:05-11:25 AM	Application of surrogate modelling to accelerate design space exploration for catalytic reactor systems; <b>Udit Gupta</b> (Siemens)	Advantages of AI-based models over mechanistic models in the dynamic optimization of fixed- and fluidized-bed reactors; <b>Mauro Andrea Pappagallo</b> (Paul Scherrer Institut)	Dynamic Optimization of Electrified Ethane Cracking for Cost-Effective Ethylene Production with Low CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions; <b>Alexandre Cattray</b> (NYU)	Methane Partial Oxidation (MPO) under Periodic Reaction Conditions on Pt/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ; <b>William Epling</b> (University of Virginia)
11:25-11:45 AM	Advantages in the use of AI-based regressions for the kinetic modelling of industrial catalysts; <b>Emanuele Moioli</b> (Politecnico di Milano)	Investigating a Novel Flash Thermal Racemisation Reaction Operated Under Transient Flow Regimes through Kinetic Modelling; <b>Harry Kay</b> (University of Manchester)	Towards the complete mineralization of PFOA with a pilot-scale UV-light, boron-nitride-based recirculating reactor unit; <b>Juan Donoso</b> (Rice University)	Ignition Threshold of Argon Diluted Methane in Atmospheric Plasma-Liquid Multiphase Microreactor; <b>Sudip Das</b> (NYU)
11:45-1:15 PM	Lunch on own			

Galleria I & II				
1:15-2:15 PM	Panel Discussion: Vision 2050: Reaction Engineering Roadmap Facilitator: <b>Ryan Hartman</b> (NYU) Panelists: <b>Dan Hickman</b> (Dow), <b>Kim McAuley</b> (Queens University), <b>Michael Harold</b> (University of Houston)			
2:15-2:30 PM	Break			
	<b>In Honor of the Amundson Awardee: 1</b> Chairs: Ashish Mhadeshwar (ExxonMobil), Jeffrey Rimer (University of Houston)	<b>Automation/Digitization in Reaction Engineering: 2</b> Chairs: Kevin Modica (Dow), Ram Ratnakar (Shell)	<b>Reaction Engineering for the Energy Transition: 5</b> Chairs: Jeremy Bedard (Oxy), Nick Thornburg (NREL)	<b>Novel Reactors and Process Intensification: 5</b> Chairs: Saurabh Bhandari (Dow), Jiakang Chen (BASF)
2:30-2:50 PM	Reaction Engineering: The ISCRE Board's 2050 Perspective <b>Dan Hickman</b> (Dow)	Transforming Reaction Engineering Through Automation and Digitization; <b>Jason E. Hein</b> (University of British Columbia)	1071: Microkinetic Modeling of Oxidative Coupling of Methane: Can Electrochemistry Break the Scaling Relationship?; <b>Julian Ufert</b> (MIT)	Forced Dynamic Operation of Propylene Selective Oxidation to Acrolein in Catalytic Foam Reactor: Reactor Model Development <b>Kai Wu</b> (University of Houston)
2:50-3:10 PM	Propane Dehydrogenation in Electrifiable Carbon Membrane Reactor <b>Dongxia Liu</b> (U. Delaware)	Application of Dynamic Reaction Screening and Development of a 2-D Reactor Model for Accurate Kinetic Analysis in Tubular Reactors; <b>Daniel Trahan</b> (Dow)	(University of Houston) Optimization of temperature profiles in CO <sub>2</sub> methanation reactors by an appropriate selection of catalyst and dilution agent; <b>Emanuele Moiola</b> (Politecnico di Milano)	Can methanol synthesis be enhanced at low pressure with continuous operation?; <b>Chiara Berretta</b> (Paul Scherrer Institut)
3:10-3:30 PM	Multiple Rate States in Precious Metal Catalyzed Oxidation Reactions: Kinetic Requirements, Multiplicity Features and Rate Determining Steps <b>Michael P. Harold</b> (University of Houston)	Model-Based Fault Diagnosis for Closed-loop Feedback controlled Safety-Critical Chemical Reactors: An Experimental Study; <b>Pu Du</b> (Texas A&M University)	Isopotential Titration of Ammonia Electron Transfer on Metal Catalysts; <b>Jesse Canavan</b> (Univ. of Minnesota)	Experimental and modeling of reactive distillation applied for an immobilized enzymatic reaction coated on structured internals; <b>Nicolas Chaussard</b> (Université Lyon)
3:30-3:50 PM	Refreshment Break			
	<b>In Honor of the Amundson Awardee: 2</b> Chairs: Ashish Mhadeshwar (ExxonMobil), Jeffrey Rimer (University of Houston)	<b>Automation/Digitization in Reaction Engineering: 3</b> Chairs: Kevin Modica (Dow), Ram Ratnakar (Shell)	<b>Reaction Engineering for Materials Synthesis</b> Jeremy Bedard (Oxy), Nick Thornburg (NREL)	<b>Computational Chemistry and Catalysis, Data Science, ML</b> Chairs: Saurabh Bhandari (Dow), Jiakang Chen (BASF)
3:50-4:10 PM	Joule heated structured reactors: combining electrification with process intensification <b>Enrico Tronconi</b> (Politecnico di Milano)	Digital Twin Concept For Hydrogen Production From Biogas; <b>Razieh Etezadi</b> (USC)	Mechanistic Insights into Metal-Organic Framework Formation from In-Situ X-Ray Scattering Data <b>Gaurav Giri</b> (University of Virginia)	Computational Insights into the Behavior of H <sub>2</sub> and CO <sub>2</sub> on Cu and ZnO Surfaces for Methanol Synthesis; <b>Haseen Siddiqui</b> (IIT Mumbai)
4:10-4:30 PM	Advancing Product Analysis and Polymer Recycling Strategies with Two-Dimensional Gas Chromatography (GC×GC) <b>Hilal Ezgi Toraman</b> (Penn State)	CatTestHub: A Benchmarking Database of Experimental Heterogeneous Catalysis and Insights for Methanol Decomposition; <b>Atharva Burte</b> (University of Houston)	A Novel Plasma Enhanced Chemical Vapor Deposition (PECVD) Reactor System for Fabrication of SiC-Type Ceramic Films and Membranes; <b>Farnaz Tabarkhoon</b> (USC)	First principles insights into effect of charge condensation on water gas shift reaction mechanism; <b>Venkata Rohit Punyapu</b> (Ohio State University)
4:30-4:50 PM	Intensification of polyolefin plastic waste hydroconversion in small alkane solvents <b>Pavel Kots</b> (NYU)	From Laboratory to Pilot: Digital Design Case Study for Cost Effective Catalytic Reactor Scale Up; <b>Shahin Goodarznia</b> (Nova Chemicals)	Synthesis of Brightly Fluorescent ZnSe Quantum Dots using Air-Stable Precursors; <b>Ali Rad</b> (University of Houston)	Machine Learning for Parametric Sensitivity of Chemical Reactors; <b>Joaquin Herrero</b> (Louisiana Tech University)
<b>Tuesday, Feb 18: Conference Banquet (18:00-21:30) Monarch Room (Level 24)</b>				

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## Day 3: February 19

Galleria I & II				
8:00-8:15 AM	Opening Remarks (Ryan Hartman)			
8:15-9:15 AM	Plenary: Towards Electrifying Chemical Manufacturing Using Electrolysis <b>Paul Kenis</b> (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)			
9:15-9:30 AM	Refreshment Break			
	Galleria I & II	Galleria III	Tanglewood/Bellaire	Post Oak
	<b>CO<sub>2</sub> Capture and Conversion: 1</b> Chairs: Gina Noh (Penn State), Sweta Somasi (Corteva)	<b>Biopharmaceutical Reaction Engineering: 1</b> Chairs: Bryan Patel (Exxon), Jane Shi (Dow)	<b>General Reaction Engineering: 1</b> Chairs: Kathryn Bjorkman (LanzaJet), Sukaran Arora (Dow)	<b>General Reaction Engineering: 2</b> Chairs: David Simakov (U. Waterloo), Kasun Gunasooriya (U. Oklahoma)
9:30-9:50 AM	Reactive Carbon Capture: Cooperative and Bifunctional Adsorbent-Catalyst Materials and Process Integration for a New Carbon Economy <b>Fateme Rezaei</b> (University of Miami)	Development of continuous hydrogenation for pharmaceutical intermediate from Laboratory to Pilot plant; <b>Onkar Manjrekar</b> (AbbVie)	Academic-Industry Sabbaticals: An Academic Reaction Engineer's Perspective; <b>Ryan Hartman</b> (NYU)	Relationship Between the Observed Reaction Kinetics of Ethylene to Ethylene Oxide with Complex Chlorination and Process Conditions Effect; <b>Jake Gold</b> (Dow)
9:50-10:10 AM	1019: Barriers to Carbon Dioxide Utilization <b>Daniel Hickman</b> (Dow)	Development of Pharmaceutically-Relevant Phospholigands from Lab to Plant via Multi-Stage Flow Chemistry; <b>Eric Sacia</b> (AbbVie)	Improving Selectivity and Stability of Low Temperature Methane Dry Reforming Catalysts through Active Site and Process Tuning; <b>Jonathan Lucas</b> (LSU)	Impact of Intermediate Transfer Rates, Metal Cation Mobility, and Hydrocarbon Pool Mechanisms on the Rates and Selectivity for Tandem CO <sub>2</sub> Hydrogenation to Olefins and Fuels; <b>Fatima Mahnaz</b> (Texas A&M)
10:10-10:30 AM	Reaction Pathways, Intermediates, and Site Requirements for CO <sub>2</sub> Methanation over Ni-Ce Mixed Metal Oxides; <b>Suchetana Samanta</b> (University of Houston)	Development and Demonstration of an Ultra-High Temperature Continuous Racemization Process for Recycle of Undesired Atropisomer Waste; <b>Kiersten Campbell</b> (Snapdragon Chemistry)	Controlling Molecular Architectures in Alkoxysilane Hydrolysis and Condensation: Reactor Design and Process Considerations; <b>Zhichen Shi</b> (Dow)	Kinetic Modeling and Optimization of a Pharmaceutical Process with Uncertain Inputs; <b>Kim McAuley</b> (Queens University)
10:30-10:45 AM	Break			
	<b>CO<sub>2</sub> Capture and Conversion: 2</b> Chairs: Gina Noh (Penn State), Sweta Somasi (Corteva)	<b>Biopharmaceutical Reaction Engineering: 2</b> Chairs: Bryan Patel (Exxon), Jane Shi (Dow)	<b>General Reaction Engineering: 3</b> Chairs: Kathryn Bjorkman (LanzaJet), Sukaran Arora (Dow)	<b>General Reaction Engineering: 4</b> Chairs: David Simakov (U. Waterloo), Kasun Gunasooriya (U. Oklahoma)
10:45-11:05 AM	Development of Dual-Function Materials for Reactive Capture of CO <sub>2</sub> from Dilute Stream to Produce CO at High Selectivity; <b>Anh To</b> (NREL)	Transport-Kinetic Modeling of a Double N-Debenzylation in the Production of an Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient <b>Neda Nazemifard</b> (Takeda)	Promotional Role of Acid Sites on Aluminosilicate-Supported Catalysts; <b>Welman Elias</b> (Rice)	A Simple Evaluation of Adiabatic Proton Tunneling across the Electrified Double Layer <b>Mahsa Askari</b> (Texas Tech)
11:05-11:25 AM	Enhanced Performance of Cu/ZrO <sub>2</sub> Catalysts in CO <sub>2</sub> Hydrogenation to Methanol; <b>Mohd Moiz Khan</b> (NIT Srinagar)	Automated Discovery of Enzymatic Reaction Kinetics using Symbolic Regression and Model-Based Design of Experiments; <b>Harry Kay</b> (University of Manchester)	Effects of Feedstock on Yields and Char Properties of Bench Scale Acid Hydrolysis and Dehydration (AHDH) Reaction; <b>Ehsan Ullah Sardar</b> (University of Maine)	Proximity Effects for Improving Ethyl Acetate Selectivity in the Dehydrogenative Coupling of Ethanol over supported Cu Catalysts; <b>Varad Joshi</b> (University of Houston)
11:25-11:45 AM	Closing Remarks - Galleria I & II			

